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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
REPRODUCING AN OPTICAL SIGNAL

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 5, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.